

## Triennial Assembly – Suggested Workshop on Health Statistics

This is suggested as a specific breakout session for users with an interest in Health Statistics.

### Introduction

Our National Health Service is by far the most expensive element of our State, employing approximately 1.5 million persons directly, with tens of thousands of others also dependent on it for their livelihood. Unsurprisingly the cost per household is in excess of £6,250 per annum and the workshop is to identify what information UKSA should be providing the people, to understand what value we receive for the £187 billion spent in the last year

### Suggested background reading:

There are many websites providing information of relevance to the work shop.

- <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dhsc-supplementary-statistical-data>
- [https://www.data.gov.uk/search?filters\[topic\]=Health](https://www.data.gov.uk/search?filters[topic]=Health)
- <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/>
- <https://digital.nhs.uk/data>; <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/protecting-and-safely-using-data-in-the-new-nhs-england>:
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>
- <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-tools-and-services/data-services/hospital-episode-statistics#accessing-data>
- [https://www.herc.ox.ac.uk/downloads/health\\_datasets](https://www.herc.ox.ac.uk/downloads/health_datasets)
- <https://www.ohe.org/about-ohe/>; <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/health-professional/cancer-statistics-for-the-uk>; <https://www.bhf.org.uk/what-we-do/our-research/heart-statistics>
- <https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/nhs-delivery-and-workforce> ; <https://www.nhsconfed.org/articles/key-statistics-nhs>; <https://aace.org.uk/uk-ambulance-service/national-ambulance-data/>
- <https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/?s=health&type-publication=yes&date-after=&date-before=>

### Specific topics to be reviewed:

The workshop is concerned with the lack of access to information on the National Health Service and the difficulty the non-expert user has in obtaining information. It is also notable that UKSA is responsible for supplying very little information on the service, most of which is available through other sources.

Moreover, much of what is published is out of date, for example latest data on: a) infant mortality E&W 2020; b) adult smoking habits 2019; c) drug misuse 2020; d) suicides 2021. It is also the case that very rarely is the information available for the whole of the UK. Notably, at the beginning of the Covid emergency it was revealed that the number of hospital beds available in the UK was not known.

This workshop will seek to identify what information users require on a consistent basis. In addition, the question arises as to what is the effect of the decision to divide the NHS into National and Regional Groups - has this helped to conceal real performance data from us by creating a barrier to the statisticians providing National Performance information?

Further, what local trust/hospital or commissioning group data do people want to know?

**Facilitator:** We propose that the workshop shall be moderated by **Simon Briscoe**, Advisor to Better Statistics CIC